

*In the Claims:*

1. (Original) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:  
a body; and  
a lip extending from said body;  
said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and  
a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch).
2. (Original) The container of claim 1, further comprising polystyrene, polyethylene, or polypropylene.
3. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein said body comprises a sidewall and a base.
4. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises a plurality of apertures therein.
5. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises a plurality of support ribs thereon.
6. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises a plurality of spikes thereon.
7. (Original) The container of claim 6, wherein each of said plurality of spikes comprises a base surrounded by a plurality of blades.
8. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein said lip comprises a flange extending from said flat surface.

9. (Original) The container of claim 8, wherein said flange extends downwardly at an angle so as to form a pocket with said body.

10. (Original) The container of claim 9, wherein said pocket comprises an upper curved radius.

11. (Original) The container of claim 1, further comprising a lid to be positioned within said body.

12. (Currently amended) ~~The container of claim 11,~~ A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

a body;

a lip extending from said body;

said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and

a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch); and

a lid to be positioned within said body;

wherein said lid comprises a concave shape.

13. (Original) The container of claim 11, wherein said lid comprises a plurality of apertures therein.

14. (Currently amended) ~~The container of claim 11,~~ A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

a body;

a lip extending from said body;

said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and

a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch); and

a lid to be positioned within said body;

wherein said body comprises one or more over-cuts therein for said lid.

15. (Original) The container of claim 1, further comprising one or more layers of filter paper positioned within said body.

16. (Original) The container of claim 1, further comprising a foil envelope for holding the ground coffee or the tealeaves.

17. (Currently amended) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

a base;

said base comprising a plurality of apertures therein;

a circular sidewall extending from said base; and

a lip extending from said sidewall;

said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and

a flange extending downwardly from said flat surface;

said flange comprising a curved inner radius.

18. (Original) The container of claim 17, wherein said flange comprises a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch).

19. (Original) The container of claim 17, wherein said base comprises a plurality of spikes thereon.

20-30. Withdrawn.

31. (New) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:  
a body;  
a lip extending from said body;  
said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and  
a lid to be positioned within said body;  
said lid comprising a concave shape;  
wherein said body comprises one or more cuts therein for said lid.